

**REMARKS**

The Examiner stated that a number of claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the respective base claim and all intervening limitations. Accordingly, solely to expedite prosecution, all independent claims have been amended in such a way as to incorporate subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner. The Applicants believe that all claims are allowable over the cited art.

Therefore, the Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable. Should the Examiner believe that a further telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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